

# AGENDA

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, August 18, 2010 • 2:00 p.m. • Room 30 House Building

Approximate  
Time Frame

**2:00 1. Committee Business**

- Call to order and welcome
- Approval of the minutes of the June 23, 2010 meeting

**2:05 2. Election Administration by County Clerks**

*The administration of elections by a governmental entity is a core function in a representative democracy. Full compliance with the Election Code requires both significant effort and expertise. Elections are held in hundreds of jurisdictions for elected officers and ballot propositions in federal, state, county, municipal, school district, and local districts. Who currently runs these elections? What flexibility is currently provided for those who may administer an election? Should county clerks run all elections? What options are available? What are the budget implications of any change? How should the Legislature respond to this issue?*

- Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
- Bryan Thompson, Utah County Clerk
- Jason Yocom, Chief Deputy County Clerk, Salt Lake County
- L. Brent Gardner, Executive Director, Utah Association of Counties
- Lincoln Shurtz, Legislative Coordinator, Utah League of Cities and Towns
- Mark Anderson, General Counsel, Utah Association of Special Districts
- Public comment

**3:05 3. Per Diem and Travel Expenses for Government Boards (draft legislation)**

*During the 2008 and 2009 interims, the Committee has worked on standardizing per diem and travel expense language throughout the Utah Code. The Committee recommended H.B. 45, "Per Diem and Travel Expense for State Boards and Commissions," which passed during the 2009 General Session. It established standardized language for providing per diem and travel expenses for state policy boards (see Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107, Utah Code). The Committee also recommended H.B. 27, "Per Diem and Travel Expense Modifications," which passed during the 2010 General Session. It replaced old per diem and travel expense language throughout the Utah Code with new streamlined language for state boards. This year, the Committee may wish to make additional modifications to conclude this three-year project.*

- Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
- Public comment

**3:15 4. Online Voter Registration - Update**

*S.B. 25, "Online Voter Registration," was recommended by the Government Operations Interim Committee and passed during the 2009 General Session. The bill allows the lieutenant governor to create an online system for voter registration. The system is now available for use at <http://elections.utah.gov> and will be demonstrated to the Committee by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.*

- Mark J. Thomas, Administrator, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

**3:35     5.    Privatization Policy Board -- Annual Report**

*The Privatization Policy Board is required to review whether an agency-provided good or service could be privatized to result in cost savings. An annual report to the Legislature is required on the board's activities, recommendations for privatization, and on the status of a commercial activities inventory, which lists agency activities and classifies them as a commercial activity or an inherently governmental activity.*

- Randy Simmons, Chair, Privatization Policy Board
- Kent Dee Beers, Division of Purchasing and General Services, Department of Administrative Services

**3:50     6.    Privatization of the Sale of Surplus State Vehicles**

*The Division of Fleet Operations and Surplus Services provides motor vehicles for use by state agencies. What process is used when the division decides that a state vehicle should be sold as surplus? Should the division contract with a private entity to sell surplus state vehicles? In a letter dated May 19, 2010, the committee chairs requested that the Privatization Policy Board study the issue and present its findings.*

- Randy Simmons, Chair, Privatization Policy Board
- Kent Dee Beers, Division of Purchasing and General Services, Department of Administrative Services
- Public comment

**4:10     7.    A Performance Audit of the "Working 4 Utah Initiative"**

*In July 2010, the Office of the Legislative Auditor General released an audit of the "Working 4 Utah Initiative," which began as a one-year pilot program in August 2008 by executive order of then Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. The initiative changes the work week schedule of most state agencies to four 10-hour days. Conserving energy and enhancing customer service were two purposes given for the initiative. The Committee has asked that the actual savings/benefits of the initiative be tracked and reported. What cost savings have been realized? Have costumers been better served by the change? What are the findings of the audit?*

- James Behunin, Audit Supervisor, Office of Legislative Auditor General
- Tim Osterstock, Audit Manager, Office of Legislative Auditor General
- Jeff Herring, Executive Director, Department of Human Resource Management

**4:35     8.    Other Items / Adjourn**